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Electronic Specifications Format.

- What is PDF?
- Why use PDF?
- Creating PDF files.
- Combining PDF files.
- Publishing Amendments.
- Future of eSpecifications.

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What is PDF?

- Portable Document Format (PDF).
- By Adobe Acrobat, www.adobe.com
- Built on top of Post Script (PS).
- Can handle text, images, audio, and video.
- Looks like the actual printed document.

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Why use PDF?

- All Windows applications can print to PDF.
- Files can be joined and indexed.
- Free viewer for multiple platforms.
- Non-scanned documents are searchable.

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Ways to create PDF files.

- Print using the PDF Writer.
- Scanning documents.
  - Acquiring from a scanner.
  - Imports TIFF files.
- Distiller can convert PS files to PDF.

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How to combine PDF files into one with an index.

- AcroBld from The Tri-Services CADD/GIS Center.
- BLD file describes how the documents are joined together.
- MakeBld, reads SI files producing a BLD file.

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Amendments

- Amending specifications.
- Distributing amendments via email, fax, or mailing of floppy or CD.

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Future of EBS and Specifications.

- New AcroBld, able to read SI files.
- New Web Site design with a central site at WES
- Publishing on Army Single Face to Industry (ASFI)
- Moving from the Contract Viewer to using web pages on the CDs
- EBS Conference